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## Vanik Chooses Heller as Congressional Page

by Wendy Weltzner

Geoffery Heller, a Junior at Shaker, was selected in a recent drawing for the Congressional page position. Congressman Charles Vanik accepts nominations for a page to the U.S. House of Representatives at the beginning of each new Congress. The nominees are from the high schools in the 22nd district, of which Shaker is one. In the first drawing, by principal Charles Zimmerman, Geoff was picked to be Shaker's nominee. His name was then entered with one nomination

from each of the other 32 high schools in the district. Congressman Vanik drew Geoff's name in the second drawing, and he will now become a page at the House of Representatives for one semester.

Once Geoff is in Washington, no board or lodging will be provided and he will be completely independent. The pages receive \$600.00 per month as salary from the House of

Representatives. The job requires a great deal of hard work. Classes begin at the Library of Congress at 6:15 a.m. and occasionally sessions of Congress last past midnight.

To become a page, a student must be between 16 and 18 years old, and have a C average or better. He must be either a junior or a senior in high school.

Geoff will be transferred to the Capitol Page School in Washington, D.C., for one

semester. He will serve from February 4 to June 19, 1980.

The page works for the Democratic Majority in the House, but the party affiliation of the individual is not important. Congressman Vanik hopes that the applicants have an open mind on political issues. The page appointment is an opportunity for students to see the actual workings of Congress on a first-hand basis.

### Ski Club Hampered By Poor Conditions

by Lucy Drotning

The Ski Club got off to a disappointing start this year. The club members skied one Friday on man-made snow mixed with rocks and mud. The next two Friday trips were postponed because of a freak warm spell that just about brought the eastern United States ski industry to a standstill.

The lack of snow this season has resulted in some awful skiing. Ski areas in western New York such as Holiday Valley and Cocksaigne have had very limited skiing on man-made snow and ice. Fortunately for the Ski Club, Boston Mills, given cold enough weather, can cover the entire area with snow. Whenever the temperatures are below freezing for a period of time, Boston Mills will be making snow and the Ski Club will be on the slopes.

The 80-member Ski Club has four advisors, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Charles Hendrickson, Emil Knorr, and Mrs. Ann Staunton.

## Thefts Plague School; Security Is Tightened

by Greg Epp

A rash of thefts and vandalism at Shaker Heights High School has caused concern among school administrators. More than 60 lockers in the area of Room 252, near the Band Room, and in the Boys' Locker Room were ransacked recently. Several calculators and coats were stolen. Most of the break-ins occurred over the weekend of January 12, but a few lockers were hit January 16.

The burglars apparently forced open the hasps of the lockers with an iron bar or other implement, according to Detective William Meyers of the Shaker Heights Police Department. Meyers believes that the thieves must have had to work quickly to hit so many lockers without attracting attention. There was no sign of forced entry to the building, and custodians reported nothing unusual. The police have no

suspects in the case.

Both Meyers and Associate Principal James Morefield said that they believed the thefts happened during recreational or tutoring periods when the building was open but unsupervised. Custodians are the only personnel in the building after 4:30 p.m., and they have no authority over students. The lockers which were burglarized are in quiet, isolated areas of the building.

In a separate incident a week later thieves made off with a load of football equipment, including 12 sets of shoulder-pads. It is believed that the culprits used a pass key to gain entry into the building, then broke a window on the storage-room door, and slid the bolt from the inside. Meyers said that it appeared that the robbers had been scared off suddenly.

The administration is now

considering new security measures. Sliding gates may be installed to seal off unused wings of the building. The assignment of police or faculty members to stand watch over the school after 4:30 p.m. has also been discussed.

In the meantime, custodians have been asked to be on alert for suspicious activity and to contact administrators at home if necessary. Mr. Morefield, who lives near the high school, said that he himself has patrolled the building after school hours.

### Carnation Sale

The Shakerite is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Carnation Sale. Carnations can be ordered in the cafeteria during lunch periods. They cost 75 cents each and will be delivered to Advisory Groups on Valentine's Day. The last day to order carnations will be February 13.



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

All right, it may be a small point to quibble over, but couldn't someone have warned us that there would be no school first period on the first day of the semester? There was no announcement of the fact made,

and as a result, many students were left to wander the halls for an hour before school started. It would be nice if next year some warning is given if first period is cancelled, so that this situation could be avoided.

Sincerely,  
Craig Beresford

Dear Sir,

Several of the editorials appearing in this newspaper ask for an increase of student rights. The major blockade to the employment of any liberal change is the justified philosophy that the student body is not completely upholding its responsibilities now and therefore could not accept more responsibility in the future.

As many a great scholar and teacher has said, "There is no such thing as a free lunch." How can we, the students of Shaker Heights High School expect to receive more freedom without a few sacrifices? These sacrifices would be to obey the existing rules.

There was recently a large-scale locker break-in. This act may seem only to have affected a few poor souls, but, in reality, this crime affects us all. If we want more freedom or more rights, the administration can point to the incident and say no.

If this act had not occurred, what could the administration point to? We would be in a position to be given more privileges.

Last year, there was also a theft. Because of this act, our right to be in the halls at certain times was removed. Last year, people littered the cafeteria, and again our right to have the concession machine on for the entire day was removed. Last year some students did not accept some responsibilities, and last year the administration justifiably took away some of our privileges.

If we do not want history to repeat itself, if we want to have some rights returned, we must clean up our act. If we wish to have additional rights, we must take more responsibilities. Thus, if we do not accept our responsibilities, it is like, "Biting the hand that feeds you."

Sincerely,  
Rob Stupay

Opinion

## Rights or Privileges?

by Leslie Froelich

A school, in that its purpose is instruction, must surely employ disciplinary measures. In fact, one synonym for the word "education" is the word "discipline". Motivation toward and achievement of excellence certainly results at least partially from this direction and correction of students' effort and behavior.

Implicit in the philosophy of discipline is the concept of "punishment". Methods of punishment at Shaker can include the removal of certain privileges, such as the use of the smoking egress and other areas of the school at certain times, and even the restriction of student use of the library. All such facilities are advantages that have been provided for the students by the school system. As far as I am aware, the only protest to such measures to which space in this paper has been devoted involved the valid contention that, under some circumstances, the restriction of library time during lunch periods is unfair to students who, intending to study, find themselves barred from the library. In cases such as this, however, the abolition of discipline is not suggested; rather, a search for a better method of discipline, one that would not punish the innocent along with the guilty, is encouraged.

Conversely, let us analyze those issues to which several letters in this newspaper have been addressed. These letters contain protests to violations of students' rights, which are distinctly different from students' privileges. While privileges can be earned and insured by good behavior (thus we learn "discipline"), rights are provided by law. All that is provided by law to the citizens of the United States is provided equally to students at Shaker High. Nothing that is provided by law may be negated by the administrative decisions or rules of the pseudo-government of the public school system. Those who believe that the student body must "uphold" responsibilities to the school system before it can receive its basic, legal, "unalienable" rights obviously, sadly, credit that system with too much power. Those who believe that the extent of a school system's authority allows it to impose rules which run counter to legality, those who believe that we must make sacrifices in order to obtain our rights, those who really believe that a city's public school system is responsible for feeding us our legal rights, in amounts determined according to its discretion, do not understand the difference between discipline and totalitarianism.

## Submit Creative Work

The SHAKERITE is planning to put out a literary issue this spring. If you are an artist, a writer, or a poet, submit your work to the SHAKERITE by March 14. All drawings should be in black ink. For more information, contact Burton Randall in Room 100, Virginia Harding, Eric Shaffer, or Liffie Sopher.

## Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or any Shakerite editor.

## THE SHAKERITE


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# Shaker's Alternative

by Kathryn Kleiman

Have you ever wondered what takes place behind the glass doors of Shaker's Alternative School? Operating under the direction of Co-ordinator Mrs. June Antoine, the basement of Shaker contains a separate and unique school.

Shaker's school-within-a-school offers an unusual opportunity. It presents the option of changing traditional classroom surroundings for smaller, more individualized classroom settings. The Alternative School operates on a small scale, with 63 students and four teachers, striving to fulfill the needs of these students on a more individualized level. The Alternative School works with its students to establish goals and develop the desire to perform at highest potential.

Different requirements form a special program structure. In place of A.G. period, time is spent in a Family Group Discussion, talking over problems, accomplishments and aims. Another difference deals with physical education. Instead of a regular period, gym is a combined three-period session offered on Fridays. Alternative School members leave school grounds and participate in baseball, volleyball, racketball, roller skating, and other activities.

The Alternative School operates as part of the Shaker school system. Students must complete all required courses and credits for graduation. Instruction is offered in math, science, English, and social studies. These classes are often similar to their equivalent courses in the high school except that they are much smaller and allow more time with teachers. Teachers also create their own types of classes and classroom surroundings. Other Shaker classes are open to Alternative School students. Courses required for graduation and courses in foreign languages must be taken in the regular high school. The administration encourages participation in school clubs, sports and other activities. Also, all school resources are available and utilized, including The Center, tutoring, EXCEL, and Job Placement. A number of students combine the work-study program, fifteen working hours, with Alternative School classes.

Four years ago, Shaker faculty and administration recognized the need for a special type of high school program. They considered discipline and attendance two major problems that the school should be designed to meet. The school imposed tight restrictions in these areas and attendance was made mandatory. In case of absence, the secretary is required to call the student's home to confirm the reason. The student must make up any lost time. Robert Sylak, one of the team of teachers who began with the program, reports that the need for extra discipline and attendance restrictions has declined. He feels greater attention can now be focused upon other needs.

The Alternative School has drawn from ideas used in schools around the Country. Shaker sent representatives to an Alternative School in Wayzata, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. These ideas and others were included in the Shaker-designed program. Currently, the Federal government funds the Shaker Alternative School, but Shaker has made a commitment to support its own school eventually.

This commitment is shared by students, faculty, and Shaker administrators. They believe that helping students on a more individualized basis is an important part of the Shaker Schools' responsibility. According to Mr. Sylak, Shaker is "willing to invest the time and the money to help the kids succeed socially and academically."



Doug McWilliams



David Arberman

## Ex-Shakerites Put Out Album

by Eric Shaffer

Doug McWilliams and David Arberman, both of whom attended Shaker, have released an album entitled "Shootin' the Breeze." Windwords is both the name that Doug and David go by and the label on which the album is recorded. "Shootin' the Breeze" was recorded at After Dark Studios here in Cleveland.

Doug describes Windwords as an acoustic duet. Generally Windwords plays folk-rock music, although they do experiment with other types of music. Both Doug and David sing and play guitar, and the two write their own music and lyrics.

Unlike most groups, Windwords produced, directed and arranged their first album by themselves; "Shootin' the Breeze" was tailored perfectly to their wishes and directions. The album is made up of nine tracks, four written by Doug, four by Dave, and one, the lead track, a combined effort. It is a very diverse collection, ranging from the soft, mellow chords of "Seagull" to "Wisdom," an urgent, racing tune. You can pick up a copy at either Peaches or Record Revolution.

Windwords plays at various locations in and around Shaker. They are playing at Hemming-Hulburt Booksellers twice this month and plan to play at the Ground Round in May. These are very talented musicians. Each has a clear, smooth voice, and each is an excellent guitarist. David plays bass and percussion as well. Doug teaches guitar and studies with a member of the Cleveland Orchestra.

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## Raider B-Ballers Eye First place

by Ron Farhi

Although it hasn't been easy, the varsity basketball team has managed to stay in the thick of the Lake Erie League race. Currently, with six league contests remaining, four at home, the team finds itself only one game behind Parma for first place. The overall record reads 7-2 with a 6-2 mark in league action.

The Raiders have just come off a rugged road trip which took them to Parma, Valley Forge, and Garfield. At Parma, the Redmen outsmarted the Raiders in a locally televised game. After being deadlocked for three quarters, Parma adjusted to Shaker's defensive strategy and outscored them 17-10. The final margin of victory was seven points, 67-60. Leading scorer and rebounder for Shaker was Kevin Newbill, with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

The next stop was a visit to Valley Forge on January 8. There the Raiders never trailed in a 85-75 triumph. Paving the way for the winners was senior center Orlando Lowry, who tallied a career high of 27 points. Steve Murphy chipped in 19, while Newbill had another fine evening with 12 points.

A sparkling defensive effort by guard Ken Roy and the cool foul shooting of sophomore Arne Morris helped to edge Garfield in overtime. After losing a commanding lead of 28-10 in the second quarter, the Raiders fought back to tie the score at 57 by the end of regulation time. In the overtime period, Roy came up with a key steal to ignite the team. Morris sank five straight free throws to lock up the 66-63 win.

Whether or not the varsity basketball squad can successfully defend their championship will depend on hard work in practice and fewer turnovers. With the bulk of the season still ahead, there should be a lot more excitement yet to come.

# Girls' Basketball 2-8 With 5 Games To Go

by Heather Deau

Despite the continuing number of defeats that the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team has suffered, the team isn't about to give up all hope and call it quits. There are five regular season games left. "I would like to see the girls win at least three of them," remarked Coach Mark Leimsieder. If the team does as well as he hopes it will, the final tally will be 5-10.

The Normandy team visited Shaker on January 10 and was taught a lesson in the basics of fast-break techniques. Coach Leimsieder comments, "The girls practiced long and hard during vacation to improve their skills for upcoming games." He continues, "Their hard work during vacation paid off." Monica Davis, Sandy Lee, and Kris Roselli logged 10 points each. Marge Williams scored 8, Lelia True scored 7, and Bobbie Short helped with 4 points in their 54-30 victory.

On Jan. 15, the team visited St. Joseph Academy and played one of their hardest-fought matches of the season. The odds weren't good for Shaker, as the

### Swimmers Survive

by Mark Genger

Shaker Heights High's Red Raider swim team beat Brush High 51-25 on Friday, January 11. The Red Raiders got first in all events but two. Shaker started off by placing first in the 200-yard medley relay. Ron Robbins, Dave Kruse, Scott Kiker, and John Sauerland swam in the relay. Mike Duffett placed first in the 200-yard freestyle. In the 200-yard I.M. Dave Kruse placed first. John Sauerland won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles and Jim Powers placed first in the 500-yard freestyle. Andy Blackhurst received a first place in the 100-yard breaststroke. To wrap it up, the relay team of Dave Kruse, John Beasley, John Sauerland, and Scott Kiker came in first in the 400-yard relay.

game was held in a small gym and the only fans rooting for Shaker were Mr. and Mrs. True who loyally come to every game. Shaker took the lead in the final quarter. Unfortunately, in the last 30 seconds, Lee fouled out after earning 13 points, and later Lelia True fouled out. Our gals ended up losing in a squeaker, 62-63. Davis scored 14, Roselli scored 11 and Susie Tipton added 8 in the losing effort.

The Shaw team visited Shaker on Jan. 17. The game turned out

to be a rout for Shaw. In the first game of the season, Shaw had whipped Shaker 40-75. This game had a similar result, 44-69. Prominent Shaker players were Lee with 13 points, Davis with 10, and Roselli with 7.

A week later, the Garfield squad visited Shaker. The match was tied at the end of the fourth quarter 57-57. In overtime, Garfield's foul shooting resulted in their 5 point victory, 64-59. During the game, Lee, Roselli, and True fouled out.

## Hockey Seeks League Crown

by Jeff Orloff

As the hockey season progresses, it seems more and more evident that this year's team will not be just average. It seems that this year's team could duplicate or better the superb record of last year's team. Macke Bentley, who with Mike Sload, leads the team in scoring, and has led the team to victory after victory, including wins over Euclid, Padua, and Cleveland Heights.

The team's 13-2 overall record reflects a lot of hard work and the 100 percent effort by every member of the team. This year's team has outscored its opponents 129 to 38. The team is tied with Heights for the LEL lead. The three games that Shaker has won by one goal each exemplify the extra effort that is being put forth by the team.

Besides the surprise of the team's record itself, Scott Wipper has also been a pleasant surprise. His 2.25 goals against

average is a result of his superior play, and this has been a big factor in Shaker's record. As team statistics go, Macke Bentley and Mike Sload lead the team (as of 1-28-80) with 59 points each. Dave Wipper is a close second with 57 points. Mike Berg follows with 37, while Kevin Mallin and Mark Larue have 21 each. Penalty minutes have also been a big factor. Shaker has had only 194 minutes in penalties, while their opponents have had 262. This has been a decisive factor in many important games, including Euclid and Cleveland Heights, where Shaker scored last-minute power-play goals.

The team still has to play Garfield and Cleveland Heights before it can declare itself champion of the LEL. With the momentum that the team is carrying, it will probably finish with a far better record than initially anticipated.



The Raiders score a goal on the way to a 15-1 victory over Normandy.

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